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Good afternoon,

I wanted to share the <u>memorandum of understanding (MOU) on anti-Semitism</u> that was recently signed by Dr. Sheikh Khalid bin Khalifa Al Khalifa of the King Hamad Global Centre for Peaceful Coexistence and Elan S. Carr, the U.S. Department of State Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism.

Special Envoy Carr called the MOU "groundbreaking in that it is the first time in history we are seeing Arab partners formally join the United States in combatting anti-Semitism and the delegitimization of the State of Israel..." The statement noted that the agreement "illustrates warming ties between Bahrain and Israel following the Abraham Accords Declaration and also advances historical ties between Jewish and Arab people in Bahrain."

Full text of the MOU can be found here.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best, Mark

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